

## HMS Band Commitment Contract

*I promise to attend every Herrick Middle School Band event on our schedule and to always give my best effort as a band member every morning. I'm committed to working hard, being responsible, and doing my part to make this year great. I'm dedicated to being the best person I can be at Herrick.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING, SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAPER BY September 5, 2025**

- ☐ I UNDERSTAND THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE HERRICK BAND, I WILL WORK HARD TO RISE TO MY POTENTIAL. I have *high expectations* for myself. Mrs. Farrell, my teammates, and my parents are here to help me achieve my goals in band.
- ☐ I understand that being in band means being part of a team. My role is important, and I have a responsibility to my band family. I'm committed to showing outstanding behavior both in and out of the band room. I take responsibility for improving myself as a musician and as a person, and I will support others in doing the same.
- ☐ MY FAMILY HAS ADDED **EVERY** EVENT TO OUR FAMILY CALENDAR and HAS COMMUNICATED (OR WILL COMMUNICATE) ANTICIPATED CONFLICTS.. *WE UNDERSTAND THAT...*
  - ☐ **ALL PERFORMANCES LISTED IN THIS CONTRACT ARE REQUIRED**, not just for my own achievement but also for my team's. My family needs to prioritize my attendance at these events.
  - ☐ **ATTENDANCE at EARLY BIRD is REQUIRED**, and **EARLY BIRD starts at 7:45 every morning**

SIGNATURE STUDENT \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE PARENTS/GUARDIANS \_\_\_\_\_



**All performances listed are required unless a student is not present at school due to an excused absence [outlined in the DG58 Family Handbook](#).**

*All performances have been carefully scheduled to avoid major conflicts within D58 and D99. Please note that the music program at Herrick expects families to prioritize Herrick Middle School-related events. If a conflict with a D58 or D99 school event does arise, please notify Mrs. Farrell and the involved teachers right away so we can work together to address it. Conflicts due to extracurricular activities outside of school are not considered excused absences for these events.*

DATE	EVENT	TIME
<b>Every Morning</b>	<b>Early Bird Class</b>	<b>7:45am-8:25am</b>
Wednesday, October 8th	DGN Trojan Marching Band Jr. High Night at Downers Grove North	5:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday, October 30th	Downers Grove D58 and D99 Middle and High School Concert	7:00pm
Thursday, December 18th	Herrick Middle School Holiday Assembly at Herrick Middle School	During School
January 2025 date TBA	Jr. High Pep Band Night at Downers Grove North High School	TBA
Saturday, February 7th	DG58 Solo and Ensemble Festival at Herrick Middle School	Time slot scheduled between 8:00am-2:00pm
Tuesday, February 17th	DG58 Festival of Music Rehearsal	During school at Herrick/O'Neill
Thursday, February 19th	DG58 Festival of Music at Downers Grove South	7:00pm
Thursday, May 28th	Herrick Spring Band, Choir and Orchestra Concert at Herrick Middle School	6:00pm <i>8th Grade Reception to follow</i>

**ILMEA & JAZZ BAND ADDITIONAL DATES**  
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Additional Dates for Students Interested in ILMEA:

- [ILMEA Permission Slips](#): Due on Friday, September 12th
- ILMEA Auditions: Due Friday, September 26th
- ILMEA District 1 Jazz Band Festival: Saturday, November 15th
- ILMEA District 1 Jr. Concert Band Festival: Saturday, November 22nd

Additional Dates for Students Interested in Jazz Band:

- TENTATIVE start date for jazz band: September 10th
- Jazz Band VIP Day: November 25th
- Herrick Chamber Ensembles and Jazz Band Tour: Friday, December 12th
- DGN Jazz Cafe: Friday, February 13th
- Herrick Chamber Ensembles Concert: Wednesday, April 22nd